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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION OFFICE ACTION WITH RCE

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the final rejection Office Action dated May 13, 2005 in this case, for which a response is due August 13, 2005. An RCE accompanies this paper. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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